The Times' Daily Short Story.

"The Kiss of Fire"

[Original.] "There's your novel. I've read it."

"There's no use of my trying to let

Jimmy looked as if his friend had thrust a knife into his bosom. He was the same rookery and every man of them on the verge of starvation.

"I tell you what, Jim," continued the speaker, "I'm a practical fellow at bot- talked about "The Kiss of Fire." Then tom and have no business with either art or literature. I have a scheme for working off this stuff you've written on a friend who is a publisher. He's practical too. I'm going to see him."

was to take charge of the introduction of the book to the public in his own way. He relied implicitly on the members of his gang, who were to act as a The late Robert Louis Stevenson tide of thirty feet. cinque under his direction. Hardly had has said in the preface to one of his

that they had no copy of the book the with which only a brain en rapport inquiries for the novel in every bookthat to "make a market" without providing a supply would be useless.

The booksellers gave small orders was not idle. He pursuaded a friend, Olcott, who was the leader of a literary club, to read the story. The reader's report upon it was, "For idlots, fools work of the century." Melcher went not before he had discharged Hatis- countries. about telling all book lovers that OI. away. The periodical was looked up to cott had pronounced "The Kiss of by a certain class of literary people as Fire" the most remarkable work of a bulwark against any work that the century, falling to mention for what class of readers. Before Olcott and suffered a severe blow in the estiheard of his criticism and had corrected it a number of people who were ambitious of being up in the literature of the day had rend the novel. None of them could understand why it was which the publishers are "climbing remarkable, but since Olcott said so over one another" to secure for publinone of them dared say it was not. cation, but what will be the fate of "rot," but the best "rot" he had ever ture.

ACAMAN SALVAN SA read. All young girls entering society, hearing of the commotion it was creat ing and assuming for that reason the book must be a model of literary ex-Then it was announced as "the

best seller of the week." Checks began to come in from the publisher. They were sent to Melcher who apportioned them between the auyou down easy, Jimmy. I may as well ther and his gang. Thus encouraged, SEVEN tell the truth. It's only fitted to be the claque worked on. But further efread by the occupants of a lunatic fort was not necessary. The flame had been kindled, and if Melcher had led them in an attempt to put it out they could not have done so. It must burn one of a lot of artists who inhabited | till the fuel was exhausted. The critics abused the book, inveighing against the decline of literary taste, but they were not heeded. Every one read and suddenly, at the end of three months. the babel ceased. Everybody had read the book and was ready for the next

About this time the liferary editor of "Do you want the manuscript?"

a prominent magazine fell ill, and Ben yesterday, when the battleship Kear-Wo."

John Melcher, the merciless friend-care of the books to be reviewed, happened on "The Kiss of Fire." He read to owner and the battleship and made a proposition which induced him to it and was delighted with it. It entered to overhead the big fighter and to officially test the drydock, which has not been accepted by the covariance. publish "The Kiss of Fire." Melcher tered his head to try his hand at writwas to take charge of the introduction ing a criticism on it. He did so, and

the book been issued when all of books, "We write to our friends, and them, having been coached by Mel- the public pays the postage." Now, it cher, went in different directions. - happened that Jimmy Hessler, away United States Wants Cruiser on Onta-Elach stopped upon passing a stand back of a pair of strange eyes far or store where books are sold and ask- down in that peculiar brain of his, had ed for "The Kiss of Fire." When told some very singular fancies-fancies spoke very highly of the novel. He ed his band to work the trumpeting not fully understand it, for no two and the inquiries among the book- brains are alike in all their parts. He Nevertheless of all the criticisms written on Hessler's work Hathaway's was ters at Rochester. the only one emanating from a reader determined.

When Hathaway's chief saw that the magazine had during his absence been would not stand the test of criticism mation of those persons on account of what they called "The Kiss of Fire"

blunder. Hessier is writing another novel, NORMAN D. WHITE.

GREAT DRY-DOCK IN USE

cellence, pronounced it "perfectly love- Big Basin at League Island Being Tested

YEARS BUILDING

About \$1,500,000 Will Be Its Final Cost It Is 754 Feet in Length Inside the Coping and 140 Feet in

Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The new con-crete drydock at the League Island navy yard, one of the largest of its kind in the world, was used for the first time yet been accepted by the government. The basin cost \$1,500,000 and required

TRAINING SHIP ON LAKES.

rio-Canada Likely to Agree.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.-The United States government has made another application for a training ship on the Great inquirer would be struck dumb with with his own would sympathize. In Lakes. Some time ago an application amazement and hurry away. Before other words, when Hessler wrote "The was made and granted for a United nightfall of the first day there had Kiss of Fire" he was writing it to States cruiser to go through the Canadbeen from half a dozen to a dozen Hathaway. Hathaway in his criticism ian canals to be utilized as a training ship on Lake Eric. This time the applishop in the city. Melcher had instruct could not explain it. Indeed, he did while the United States has formally presented the application to the dominion government, it is really from the sellers with equal zeni, well knowing contented himself with praising it. state of New York, and made on the be-

It is understood that the application for the book, and occasionally some who had been in touch with the author's fancies. How many readers had these old cruisers, which are to be used one to whom the gang sounded its praises bought one. Meanwhile Meicher been similarly sympathetic cannot be as training ships. Whatever guns are required for the naval officers and cadets will be kept ashore. The granting of the application is regarded as a neighborly act and in no way interferes with committed to an approval of "The Kiss the arrangements as to cruisers on the and lunatics, the most remarkable of Fire" he took to his bed again, but great lakes which exist between both

THE TRAIN BELL ROPE.

How It and the Conductor's Supremacy Came to Be Established.

Although there does not seem to be anything in common between pugilism and railroad rules, yet the adoption of the familiar bell rope that stretches through every car of the modern train was the result of a fistic encounter. At One independent fellow pronounced it his next work is a problem of the fu- the same time and by the issue of the for a distance down from three to five mers. same combat the supremary of the conductor in railroad travel was ordained. It was Philadelphia which gave both to the world.

One of the oldest railroads in the country is the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, now known as the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, which was opened in 1837. The terminus in Philadelphia was at Broad and Prime streets-Prime street now being known as Washington avenueand after crossing the Schuylkill river at Gray's Ferry the route ran along the Delaware river on what is now the Chester line of the Reading railway. The first schedule contained one passenger train, which went to Baltimore one day and came back the next, which was considered a remarkable feat in rapid travel. When a train a day each way was placed in service the people of the two cities served concluded that the acme of convenience in transportation had been reached,

Next to the president of the railroad the most important functionaries were the engineer and conductor. It was a question whether or not the head of the line was not considered a subsidiary officer in popular estimation to the men who ran the train, but Robert Forg, who pulled the throttle, and John Wolf, who collected fares, won the deference of the public because of their high and responsible duties.

Fogg, an Englishman, had all the tenacity of opinion of his race. Wolf, an American, had the ingenuity of the Yankee and, seeing the need of some method by which he could communicate with the engineer, devised the scheme of running a cord through the cars to the locomotive. As the engine was a wood burner, Wolf fastened one end of the cord to a log, which was placed on the engineer's seat and was pulled to the floor when the conductor desired to signal for a stop.

Fogg resented what he considered an interference with his rights on the platform of the locomotive and on the first run out from Broad and Prime streets with the new device paid no heed to the displacement of the log from the seat when the conductor de sired to take on a passenger from a farm near Gray's Ferry, but sped on over the bridge and did not delga to bring his engine to a stop until Blue Belt station, on the south side of the Schuylkill, had been reached. Then he demanded to know of Wolf why he had been jerking that log all about the

Wolf hotly declared that he had signaled to stop, but Fogg retorted that he would stop when and where he pleased and that, too, without any reference to orders from the conductor. whom he did not regard as his superior In the management of the train. The altercation grew very heated, and Wolf invited the engineer from the cab to

was quieltly accepted. Passengers and a group of mon who Passengers and a group of men who had guthered at the antien to see the med with bands of valenciennes insertrain come in formed a ring about the tion edged with little frills of the face. combatants, but the night did not inst It is worn over a guimpe of all over

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ing of same.
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a few blows made it almost impossible for the engineer to see sufficiently to of legal support."

for the engineer to see sufficiently to Mr. Schmitz complained that his priwas settled for all time.

effective, Wolf devised the use of a the complaint to the limit against Mr. bell on the locomotive, and this method Taylor." was soon adopted by all of the American railroads. Then a code of signals was adopted, and these remain practically to this day. The only change in the bell cord is that by use

turies and centuries of decaying vegetation.

QUAINT CONCEITS.

Adapting a Last Season's Hat to the Modish Mushroom Shape.

The milliner who is clever will take a last summer's leghorn and bend it trim it with a heavy silk ruching of than the San Francisco troubles some color to contrast with the hat. four estrich feathers that will fall over speculative tendencies."



the top of the hat and trail a little at one side, and thus she will turn out a very acceptable mushroom hat.

For the swimmer nothing has been found more satisfactory in the matter of a cap than the bandanna kerchier purpose, worn cornerwise. It is not a new arrangement for the halv, but it has the advantage of being an excellent protection for the hair, and, another point in its favor, it takes up little room on or off the head.

Tulle edged with ostrich feathers is used as a but trimming and looks deliciously soft and dainty. Many women are wearing a black hat with their light gowns.

It is noticeable that some of the smortest dresses have quite tight and long sleeves. This points to the disappearance of the elbow sleeves and those known as the kimono.

The blue jewelry sets are remarkabie this senson. They are so numer. ous and of such variety that one can | #269 have half a dozen sets without repenting oneself at all. The shirt waist enamel acts have many points of novsettle the mutter, and the challenge elig this year, and very pretty ones at

that: long, as Wolf proved by far the su- valenciennes. JUDIC CHOLLET. IRRO, T. HOPKINS, Free, 37 Seat Jones Street, Men York | sus forest reserves,

SCHMITZ HOLDS HE'S MAYOR

Appoints Fourteen to Board of Supervisors

CLAIMS THAT HE ALONE

Has Right to Fill Vacancies-Makes a Serious Charge Against Taylor-Says Executive Has Opened His Private Letters.

San Francisco, Aug. 1 .- Edgene I Schmitz, the convicted mayor, Tueslay made appointments to fill the vacancies created by the forced resignations of fourteen members of the board of supervisors, Schmitz claiming the right of appointment on the ground that he is the rightful mayor of San Francisco. All but one have accepted, and his acceptance is expected later. In giving out the appointments, Mayor Schmitz made the following comment on the municipal situation: nicipal situation:

"I am exceedingly sorry for this su-pervisorial tangle, for it is likely to cause a deal of litigation for the city and county of San Francisco for years to come. My own course is clear. Acting upon the advice of my attorney, which I believe to be absolutely legal, I hold that I, as mayor of San Franisco, have the sole power of appointperior artist with his fists and with and that the appointive acts of Mr. Edwin B. Taylor are void and incapable

complete his run, but Fogg admitted that he had been fairly beaten, and the supremacy of the conductor on a train was settled for all time.

As the log signal was crude and inauthorities at Washington and press

BIGGER THAN EVER.

Is the Plan for San Francisco, Says Passenger Agent Fee.

feet is a rich black loam made by cen- "That city will be bigger and better OLD LEAP YEAR LAWS. than before. Though temporarily it has lost its relative standing, it need have When Women Proposed Six Centuries no fear about the final results. Two or three years more will be needed to give

noticeably, but the cause was the mild they had sought should refuse be but at such thoroughfares as the Hatadown all the way round. She will weather throughout the country rather should incur a heavy fine. "Money is not as tight as it seems to

usually a blue upon a leghorn color, be with us. The bankers wisely put the At one side she will fasten three or brakes on excessive enthusiasm and the Scottish parliament, which was

> Another Reason. er united with the church to retire at he then shall be free."

start down the aisle. softly, "that does not apply to you!" my dinner burning up."-Youth's Com. Genoa and Florence.

The Olly Menhaden.

thus applied is enough to bring the "privilege" is thus alluded to: through the scales oil sufficient for the

Pleasant Job. "Oh, George, I'm so glad you've come," exclaimed the sweet girl, "Father is so excited and disturbed. Do go in and calm him."

"Very well," replied Mr. Lovett, "what's the matter with him?" "Why-er-I just told him you wanted to marry me."-Philadelphia Press.

A Skin of Beauty is a Joy Forever

DR. T. Felix Goureud's Oriental Greem or Magical Beautiflor.



CONTRABAND

Proposition Adopted by Peace Committee

BRITISH PLAN OPPOSED

However, by America-Goes Too Far, Is the Declaration of Choate-American Delegate Says It Would Injure Commerce.

The Hague, Aug. 1.—The British proposition for the abolition of contrachange in the bell cord is that by use of the air from the brake system a whistle has superseded the bell in the locomotive cab.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Passenger Agent Fee.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—In an interview day by 25 votes to 5. The representational today on conditions in San Francisco, tives of the United States, Germany, France, Russia, and Montenegro opposed Southern Pacific railroad, who is now in

Impaling In Turkey.

Impaling was used as a punishment in Turkey up to 1855. The last men so executed were four Arab shelks who had rebelled. They were impated at the four corners of the Bagdad bridge.

One of them lived for nine days.

Southern Pacific raifroad, who is now in this now in this city, said:

"The resurrection of San Francisco is as wonderful as was its destruction. The people there do not begin to realize the executed were four Arab shelks who had rebelled. They were impated at the four corners of the Bagdad bridge.

One of them lived for nine days.

Southern Pacific raifroad, who is now in the measure, and Japan, Spain, Panama, Greece, and Rumania, abstained from voting. There were also ten absentees.

Joseph H. Choate declared it was the people there do not begin to realize the every possible way, the list of objects to be considered contraband of war, but to go further than this now would be a violation of a long established custom. The change, Mr. Choate continued, would rickshaw or a heavily laden cart struggles through. Then a movement is made with the gates, yelling bursts out afresh and another rush ensues the

Ago the Man Had to Accept.

city, but we will see it then.

"California is growing. More than the past 15 mouths.

"California is growing. These enactments went the past 15 mouths.

"Chiral than 600 years ago laws were passed than being retained in position by a padlock of enormous proportions and of the well known Chinese type. "Last winter's tourist travel was off ulated that if the man whose hand same ceremony is observed at each,

ords, of Scotland discovered an act of ately longer.-Peking Times, passed in the year 1288, which runs as follows:

"It is statut and ordaint that during Aunt Emeline is the best loved wom- the rein of his maist blissit Megeste, ilk an in Saymouth, for her charity is alike for the years knowne as Lepe Yeare, rivals, of hand and heart. Like many other lik mayden ladge of baithe highe and excellent persons, Aunt Emeline is not lowe estact shall has liberte to bespeke a church member, but she is a regular ye man she likes, albeit gif he refuses attendant at the village church, which ta talk hir to be his lawful wyfe, he is so near her cottage as to seem un. shall be mulcted in ye sum of ane dunder the same roof. When, at the close dis or less, as his estait may be, except of a recent sermon, the minister re- and awis gif he can make it appeare quested all those present who had nev- that he is betrothit ane ither woman,

the end of service, everybody was sur- A year or two later a law almost prised to see Aunt Emeline rise and similar to the Scottish enactment was passed in France and received the ap-"Aunt Emeline," the minister called proval of the king. It is also said that before Columbus sailed on his famous "That isn't why I'm going," Aunt voyage to the westward a similar privi-Emeline responded screnely. "I smell lege was granted to the maidens of

There is no record extant of any fines imposed under the conditions of this Scotch law and no trace of statis-The oily character of the menhaden ties regarding the number of spinsters is familiar. It is caught for its oil, who took advantage of it or of the simwhich is tried out in factories. Men- flar regulations in France, but the cushaden fishermen use purso nets, which tom seems to have taken firm holdare tarred to preserve them. To keep upon the popular mind about that time. their hands from sticking to the tarred | The next mention of it is dated nearly. nets they rub on them a freshly caught | 400 years later, and it is a curious little menhaden, bandling it somewhat as treatise called "Love, Courtship and they would a cake of soap. So only is Matrimony," which was published in the menhaden that the simple pressure | London in 1000. In this quaint work

"Albeit it now becomes a part of the common law in regard to social relations of life that, as often as every leap yeare doth return, the ladyes have the sole privilege during the time it continueth of making love either by wordes or lookes, no man will be entitled to benefit of clergy who doth in any wise treat her proposal with slight or contumely."

Up to within about a century ago it was one of the unwritten laws of leap year that if a man should decline a proposal he should soften the disapcointment which his answer would bring about by the presentation of a silk dress to the unsuccessful suitor for his hand,

A curious leap year superstition is still to be met with in some parts of New England, and that is that during leap year the "beans grow on the wrong side of the pud."

Uncle Sam's Twigs. The biggest job of gardening undertaken by the government in the planting and growing of little trees, 5,500,-890 of which are now being produced every year for setting out in the vari-

CLOSING PEKING'S GATES.

Noisy Ceremony Performed Daily at the Chinese Capital.

The closing of the gates in Peking just because it goes on daily and may apparently go on daily for centuries to come is probably one of the "sights" least witnessed and talked of save by those foreigners who may have chanced to "run for it" near closing time. The daily performance is marked with a due ceremony which is quaint and full of interest to the intelligent onlooker, as the closing by no means signifies the mere bringing together of the heavy wooden doors and barring the emperor's highway against all

At the appointed hour a preliminary signal is given by a large gong or iron shield being struck with a big fron bar fifty times in such quick succession as almost to defy calculation. This is followed by a signal of 100 blows repeated in precisely the same fashion three times. When the third and last cycle of gong strokes is entered on a number of old and at this season very much bewadded and muttled up old "Charlies" start a series of discordant yells to all and sundry to "hasten" or they will be shut out. This combination of signals is followed by a jos-

Manitoba's Soil.

In Manitoba you can turn a furrow 100 miles long and not encounter a stone as large as your fist. The earth for a distance down from three to five get into the city, and the process of closing, which has taken some half

hour in all, is conclude The huge iron plated doors having clanged to, a monster fron pole is drag-In two countries, at least, and more, ged up and placed across them on from men there is naturally more traffic, A searcher among the ancient rec. and the process is probably proportion-

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Some men don't care how dull business is if it is equally bad with their

About the third time some people show you a kindness you find they want to sell you something.

Patience is that which you have to have with others, but which no one in called upon to have with you. Society is a good deal like our rich

kin-we are mighty nice to its face, but make fun of it behind its back. Some people are like a worfdess team of horses-always have to be helpedowhen it comes to pulling a load There is one way of starting on the

traveled these days-running a store and living overfit. It sometimes happens that deference is shown a man not in recogni-tion of his greatness, but because he will be cranky of it isn't Atchison

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Dead as a Doornall, "As dead as a doornail" at mrst

seems utterly senseless, but becomes lively and picturesque when we remember that knockers were once universally used. Beneath the knocker, in order to prevent disfiguring the door, a large nail or bolt was driven. An impatient caller, waiting for the door to be opened, would frequently tuen the knocker with great force, and the irresponsiveness of the nail gave rise to this expression.

Refreshing Sleep

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retiring induces quiet and restful

sleep. Always insist on Glenn's Sulphur Soap

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Bill's Hate and Whishne Byn

Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!



making a good living.

our natural resources.

That's the way Grant's guns thundered at Vicksburg and Lee's guns thundered at Fredericksburg. Each of them thundered a little louder than the other fellow at each place and won the battle.

The war is over long ago, but booming still wins.

Make this town and the country around it your battleground, and then boom!

If you boom loud enough, people will come from afar off to find out what's up. Then a little more booming will take them prisoners and add them ie the population. Then they will begin booming, and other will-

ing captives will come in. This is the inside history of every town on earth that amounts to anything more than a hill

of leans. Booming may be done in many ways. A board of trade can do it. A commercial club or business men's club can do it. You can do it individ-

If you don't believe in this town, why do you live Nere? If you do believe in it, why don't you boom it? Every new family means money in your pocket if you are in business here or own property here. If you make your living by working here, every increase of population tends to increase your wages, every new industry brought to town tends to enlarge your opportunities for

Batteries in a battle boom together. If only one gun booms now and then it helps some, but when they all boom together something big is going to happen right off. It's just the same with town booming. When we all boom together, the things we desire to have happen will begin hap-Now, suppose you who read this suggest through the col-

umns of this paper some method of massing our boom bat-

teries and making a noise that will bring people running into

this town to go into business, start a factory, develop some of

N. B .- BOOM! BOOM!! BOOM!!!